been issued in 15.7.87 in which minimum service eligibility for ex-gratia gratuity has been reduced to 10 years and the maximum amount payable has been increased to Rs. 3000|- with half a month's basic allowance reckoned for gratuity for a full completed year of service subject to a maximum of 16 1|2 month's basic allowance.

(c) A Committee in this Department has been constituted to discuss the service conditions of ED employees. Two meetings were held in this regard on 20.8.87 and 25 8 87. Further discussion will also be held.

(d) The question of permanency and review of ED offices is under consideration.

(e) The question of grant of subsistence allowance to ED employees, who are put off duty, is also under examination.

(f) The proposal to cover the ED employees by a Group Insurance Scheme is also under consideration.

(g) Orders regarding participation of ED employees in the periodical meetings have since been issued on 15.10.1987.

Regional Sports Complex at Nowgong Assam

2630. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for constructing a regional Sports Complex at Nowgong in Assam;

(b) if so, what is the approximate estimate sanctioned so far for the scheme; and

(c) by when the complex is proposed to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The Nowgong Sports Association has sent a proposal through the North Eastern Council, Shillong for central financial assistance for construction of regional Sports Complex (Indoor Stadium) at Nowgong in Assam. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 14.00 lakhs. As the proposal was not in the prescribed proforma nor was it recommended by the State Government, as required under the scheme, the Nowgong Sports Association has been requested to submit the proposal in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

Funds for Operation Black Board Scheme

2631. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented the scheme "Operation Black Board" throughout the country during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the amount allocated to different States under the scheme;

(c) whether Government are aware that the amount required for the construction of school buildings under this scheme could not be met out of RLEGP fund; and

(d) if so, whether Government have any proposal to provide additional funds to different States for successful implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI

KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Action to implement the scheme "Operation Blackboard" throughout the country has been initiated during the current financial year.

(b) The scheme does not envisage prior alloction of amounts to different States; assistance will be given to States on the basis of approved project reports in such a manner as to cover all blocks|Municipal Areas on completion of the scheme.

(c) and (d) State Governments| Union Territory Administrations are required to provide the school buildings as part of the scheme. Apart from RLEGP, they are also being encouraged to utilise NREP funds and any other possible source of funds.

Suspension of DTC employees working in Central Workshop-II, Okhla

2632. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the employees of D.T.C. Central Workshop-II, Okhla, suspended during the period from January to October, 1987 and the charges levelled against them;

(b) what are the names of the employees whose suspension has since been revoked;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the employees have been rewarded double punishment i.e. their increment has been stopped and they have also not been paid any pay and allowances in addition to their subsistence allowance; and

(d) if so, what are the details of such punishment given to the employees referred to in part (c) above and whether it is with-in the rules, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) During January—October, 1987 two employees namely Shri Arun Chander, Fitter, B. No. 3391 and Shri Raghubir Singh, Asstt. Foreman B. No. 569 were suspended on charges of gross indiscipline.

(b) to (d) After enquiry, the punishment of stoppage of next due one increment with cumulative effect was awarded to Shri Arun Chander and suspension revoked w.e.f. 13 10-1987. During the period of his suspension, he was paid only subsistance allowance, as admissible under D.R.T.A. Regulations, 1952, applicable in such cases.

Amendment of Delhi School Education Act, 1973

2633. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of employees who had served between 2nd September, 1972 to 31st December, 1973 in Delhi Schools;

(b) whether Government are aware of their hardships; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay for bringing an amendment to the Delhi School Education Act, 1973 for providing pension to all school employees who had served between 2nd September, 1972 to 31st December, 1973?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The number of teachers who served in Delhi schools as on September, 1972 and December, 1973 was 35,697 and 38,958 respectively. However, the figures regarding the number of teachers who retired from service during the above period are not readily available with Delhi Administration.